



Marist Brothers celebrate 200 years

by Faith Laughran
editor-in-chief

This school year marks the anniversary of the beginning of the Marist Brothers. 200 years ago, Marcellin Champagnat began his mission to educate and restore people's faith, starting in France.

On July 22, 1816, a young Marcellin Champagnat was ordained a priest, and he committed himself to a life of service. He hoped to bring the teachings and examples of Christ and Mary to the people of France, who were recovering from the recent revolution. Champagnat began his ministry at his first parish in La Valla.

Champagnat was surprised when he met the parishioners. They were apprehensive about their new priest because they were used to a drunken pastor who was unenthusiastic during Masses. The people of La Valla were tired after the revolution and the church itself was in bad condition.

Champagnat began to put the church back together by cleaning, repairing and motivating people to go to church. The poverty and lack of education of the people strengthened Champagnat's desire to be an educator and motivated him to form a group of brothers to help him.

On October 28, 1816, Champagnat met Jean-Baptiste Montagne, a 16-year-old boy dying of tuberculosis. Montagne had little education and Champagnat discovered when talking to him that he had no faith in God.

Following Montagne's death, Marcellin bought a house and began to repair the place. He also began building his own furniture for the home. The first piece he built was a dining table, which was also used for meetings, workshops and school.

"Marcellin used the skills that his father had taught him to build the furniture," Marist president Brother Hank Hammer said. "The image from that period that survives to this day is of that table. It is an important symbol."

Champagnat taught his first two students at this table, Jean-Marie Granjon and Jean Baptiste Audras, who did not know how to read or write.

The table began to become an image, like the Eucharistic table at mass, feeding the two recruits with knowledge so they would have the strength to go out and teach others. It was at that table the Marist Brothers started.

Today there are more than 3,000 Marist Brothers in schools in 83 different countries around the world continuing what Marcellin Champagnat started.

To celebrate 200 years of the Marist Brothers, Deacon Andy constructed a La Valla table himself. The faculty celebrated an opening Mass together around that table on August 22.

Each faculty member was given a clay saucer to signify a plate, and to remind them that each of them has something to bring to the table to share with their students.

"The significance now of the table is to use it as a symbol of unity, and the unity Marist has with the Marist Brothers ties together with all Marists," campus minister Deacon Andy Neu said.

The table will be used as an altar at school masses and in the chapel, and it will find a new home in Champagnat Square to remind students of Marcellin Champagnat's journey and teachings.

"I hope that the table will trigger something in students," Deacon Andy said. "We all have something to bring to the table



photo by Faith Laughran

Brother Hank, Deacon Andy and students gather in Champagnat Square around the La Valla table that symbolizes St. Marcellin's call for us to share our talents with one another as the Marist Brothers celebrate their 200th anniversary this year.

and everything brought to the table should be honored, welcomed and shared."

Marist Chicago started the celebration with the building of the table, and will join together with other Marist schools to commemorate the anniversary throughout the 2016-2017 school year.

On March 29, there is a Marist national day of service and all American Marist schools will be involved.

"The national day of service will be streamed live, and at the end of the day all Marist schools in the United States will get

to look back and get the sense that they are a part of something much bigger," Brother Hank said.

Amazed by Champagnat's legacy, Brother Hank challenges the Marist community to consider our future.

"It's incredible to think that, because of what happened in 1817, we are here in this building today," Brother Hank said. "Is there anyone here in our community today who will do something incredible that will be remembered and talked about 200 years from now?"



RedHawk journalists attend IJEA conference

The Illinois Journalism Education Association held its annual high school journalism conference at the University of Illinois-Urbana on Friday, September 16. A total of 28 high schools from around the state attended, including 17 members of the RedHawk journalism program. Junior Michelle Lenz took third place in the write-off contest for her feature story about the keynote address given by Dow Jones Journalism Teacher of the Year Mitch Eden, of Kirkwood High School in Missouri. 2016 marked the fourth year in a row that a RedHawk placed in the highly competitive contest. After listening to the keynote address, students attended sessions given by professional journalists.

Valek makes school history with perfect ACT score

by Raini Eldorado
junior reporter

Last spring, Becca Valek became the first female student in Marist history to earn a perfect score on the ACT.

And she did it twice.

Valek took the ACT for the first time in September 2015, the beginning of her junior year.

Although she scored a 34, a great score, Valek was not satisfied.

In April 2016, Valek took the test again and scored a 36, which is a perfect score.

"I was not happy with my writing score, so I decided to take the ACT a third time to see if I could improve in that area," Valek said.

In June, she made her third attempt. Although her writing score remained the same, again she scored a 36.

Valek credits the strong curriculum with helping her achieve high ACT scores.

"My classes at Marist prepared me very well, especially for the reading and science sections," Valek said.

She also credits math teacher Mr. Owen Glennon for helping her achieve a perfect score on the math section.



Becca Valek

"Mr. Glennon helped make the math section easy for me because he pushed us so hard in class that the time limit and caliber of the problems [on the ACT] weren't an issue."

Valek has not yet decided on a college, but wants to pursue a career in pediatric oncology.

"I have seen many kids affected with cancer and I want to make a difference by working toward a cure," Valek said.

Theatre guild presents Shakespearean comedy for fall play

by MiKaela Dismukes
senior reporter

The Marist Theatre Guild will present “Much Ado About Nothing” as its fall play, with performances on Nov. 3, 4 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the RedHawk Theatre.

Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for general admission and will be sold during lunch MODS and at the door.

The show features seniors Becca Valek as Beatrice and Jake Listowski as Benedick.

Other cast members include juniors Abram Camerena as Claudio, Maddie Curtin as Hero, Philip Duda as Don Pedro, Quinn Donnelly as Leonato and Liam Kelly as Don John.

The production is co-directed by Mrs. Erin Kelly and Mrs. Erin Vail.

“We set the play in the 1980s, with pop culture references and music that audiences will enjoy,” Mrs. Vail said. “Performing these roles using Shakespearean language is the biggest challenge for the actors, but audiences will be impressed.”

“Much Ado About Nothing” is a comedy written by William Shakespeare in 1599. The performances at Marist are special because this year marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare’s death.

The play is set in Messina, a village in southern Italy and the plot centers around two couples who go through a series of trials in their relationships.

Benedick and Beatrice are addicted to witty putdowns of one another rather than admitting their true feelings. Shakespeare uses them to represent realistic love.

Claudio and Hero’s love is based more on physical attraction, so their relationship represents romantic love.

In addition to the love stories, the character Dogberry, played by junior Cate Hynes, adds humor throughout the plot while Don John provides entertainment as the villain.

“When most people think of Shakespeare, they think of the tragedies they read in their English classes,” Valek said. “This show is not quite like those and it has a really entertaining storyline. Audiences will enjoy the comedy in the show.”



photo by Marie Weber

Seniors Jake Listowski and Becca Valek rehearse a scene on Monday in the RedHawk Theater. The pair will star as one of two romantically involved couples in “Much Ado About Nothing,” presented Nov. 3-5 by the Marist Theatre Guild.



photo by Faith Laughran

Students in Mr. Gonczy’s reading class check their homework and grades on PlusPortals, the new student information system being used this year. PlusPortals replaced Edline this year, and many agree that the biggest change is that teacher gradebooks are now “live.” This means that as soon as a teacher enters a grade, students and parents can see it online in real time.

Goodbye, Edline. Hello, PlusPortals.

by Cara Donegan
senior reporter

This school year, a new student information system, PlusPortals, replaced Edline, the system used for the past several years.

The one major difference between the two systems is that PlusPortals features real time gradebooks.

Real time gradebooks allow parents and students to see grades as soon as they are posted by teachers. Using Edline, teachers posted grades every two weeks.

“I like how we don’t have to post on certain days,” science teacher Ms. Jennifer Silva said. “Having real time gradebooks helps me not to forget to post grades.”

Another feature many like is that when they take attendance later in the day, teachers can see if a student called in sick or was dismissed early. Student photos are included so that teachers can place names with faces more quickly during the first days of school.

Although there has been a lot of positive feedback, there are some teachers and students that have some complaints.

“I don’t like the change at all,” said senior Julia Ruzevich. “It is a lot slower than Edline and getting homework is confusing and sometimes doesn’t work.”

Some teachers do not like that PlusPortals works only with Explorer and Safari, because many of them prefer using Chrome.

Other teachers say that PlusPortals is much slower compared to Edline and it takes longer for pages to load.

Still others say that they liked the features and layout of Edline better because it was easier to understand and use.

The administration feels that everyone will get used to the new system, especially since changes may come to make it even easier to use.

“[The company is] always looking for feedback from Marist to make any changes that it may need,” Dean of Academics for Upperclassmen Mrs. Kelly Mulcahy said.

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Junior spends over three years in Palos Hospital...volunteering

by Emily Reynolds
senior reporter

Junior Brian Cooke has completed over 106 service hours at Palos Community Hospital. He is there once a week for three hours to help patients before and after surgery.

Cooke began volunteering at the hospital three years ago and will continue his volunteer work at the hospital in October.

Cooke volunteers in the Center for Short Stay Care. This is where patients go before and after procedures at the hospital. Cooke spends his time cleaning the rooms, restocking equipment and oxygen tanks, and escorting patients as they leave the hospital.

“I started volunteering because my brother volunteered there as well,” said Cooke. “I was not too keen on the idea but I still went through with it because I thought it would be a good experience.”

Palos Community Hospitals Center for Short Stay Care is innovative. The goal is to make the experience in the hospital easier for patients and their loved ones.

Through its staff and volunteers, the center aims to provide a more comfortable environment.

In 2012, Palos Community Hospital recognized 596 adult volunteers and 137 junior volunteers. The volunteers had completed over 80,000 hours.

“I volunteer because I think it is a great experience to interact with patients,” said Cooke. “I like to try to make their day a bit less troubling.”

Cooke enjoys getting to know patients and their families. One of his favorite parts about volunteering is talking with patients and learning about their different backgrounds.

The most unpleasant part about volunteering for Cooke is walking through the waiting room and seeing families wait anxiously for their loved ones to come out of surgery.

“Working at a hospital for the past three years has been immensely rewarding due to it being a new experience that most people do not get to do,” said Cooke. “I have learned that it is good to help others, even if it isn’t always pleasant or convenient.”



Junior Brian Cooke will return to his volunteer duties at Palos Community Hospital next month. To date, Cooke has devoted over 106 service hours to patients and their families.

photo by Emily Reynolds

Cooke is also a member of the RedHawk varsity soccer team. He has taken a break from volunteering but will return to the hospital after the soccer season ends.

He says that he looks forward to continuing to help people and learn from them.

“Volunteering at the hospital has taught me that some people have rough lives, so we should be compassionate towards everyone,” Cooke said. “I look forward to continuing because every day I go back it’s a break from homework and your own troubles. You just get to help people.”



photo by Marie Weber

Senior Megan Costello (r) and her best friend Lucia Gomez (l), who attends Colegio San Jose del Parque, a Marist high school in Madrid, Spain. The friends met at a YMCA summer camp in Michigan where they continue to work as counselors. It was three years after they met that they discovered they both attended schools run by the Marist Brothers.

A (not so) coincidental friendship

by Marina Mosquera
senior reporter

Some might call it a coincidence. Others might call it fate.

Senior Megan Costello has attended YMCA Camp Eberhart in Michigan for 10 weeks every summer during the past four years. At the camp, she joins other teenagers to serve as counselors to the young children who come to the camp.

It was during her first summer that Costello met Lucia Gomez, who came to work at the camp from Madrid, Spain. The two became fast friends.

“We connected right away on many levels and we still never run out of things to talk about,” Costello said.

Although separated by 4,172 miles during the rest of the year, they keep in close contact through text messages and social media. The friends share many interests, such as a love of pop music, swimming and a good sense of humor.

The friends did not realize that they had something else in common until they had been friends for three years. Both girls attend schools run by the Marist Brothers.

“Lucia found out that I went to Marist through Instagram,” Costello said. “It was a pleasant and unexpected surprise for both of us because something other than our common interests bonded us even closer.”

Gomez and Costello credit the YMCA camp for bringing them together, but they also say that Marist played the bigger part in connecting them together spiritually.

Costello and Gomez confide in each other and consider themselves best friends. Although the school year started only recently, both are already looking forward to being reunited at the YMCA camp next summer.

“At times I wish she lived near by so that we could experience what is going on in our daily lives,” Costello said. “Being worlds apart makes us appreciate each other more when we do see each other.”

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What can we bring to the table this year?

The faculty gathered for Mass on August 22 in the chapel to open this school year, which also marks the 200th anniversary of the Marist Brothers.

At the Mass, the faculty listened to the story of the table built by St. Marcellin. When it came time for Father Tom to prepare the Eucharist, teachers came forward to assemble a table, built over the summer by Deacon Andy, for use as the altar.

That table was also used at the opening all-school Mass of the Holy Spirit on September 12.

The table represents the community that unites us.

As we commemorate the history of the Marist Brothers and St. Marcellin Champagnat's works and teachings, Marist students should ask themselves what they can bring to the table.

What can each one of us do to make Marist a better place for everyone else who works, learns, and plays here?

Students can contribute to the school community by participating in the many sports and clubs Marist has to offer. Students who get involved in these activities have the opportunity to use their strengths to better the school.

Many of us have heard at some point that 'Redhawk High comes alive after 2:20,' and this active time gives students a chance to get involved and represent our



Marist in a variety of areas, whether it be sports, drama, or any of the many clubs and activities offered.

When students gather outside of classes to share their interests and talents, it results in ideas and interactions that help make our community unique.

The first Marist Brothers came to the La Valla table with their struggles and weaknesses, asking for help and guidance from each other and from the Lord.

Students, too, have many opportunities to reach out and help one another. Tutoring fellow students or grammar school kids in the ARC, and welcoming visitors to our school as student ambassadors are just two ways we can offer assistance.

We also must look beyond the school's walls when asking what we can offer to the Marist community. Serving people in other communities has always been an important part of our mission. Marist Youth is an organization that students can join to help others through food drives, fund raisers and just by raising awareness about poverty and injustice in our world.

During our four years at Marist, each of us must bring our skills and talents to the table and become active servers in our community. When we are willing to bring our efforts to the table, we help to ensure a better Marist experience for ourselves and those around us. We also set a standard for future Marist generations to follow.

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Distracted drivers need to exit parking lot, drive more safely

Many students dread the parking lot after school. Students are in a hurry to leave and are not paying enough attention to their surroundings. Students on foot are not paying attention to cars, while some drivers are pulling out of parking spots too quickly.

Teen driving is an issue throughout the United States and students need to become more aware of the danger so that people will not get hurt or killed.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2,163 teens in the United States were killed and 243,243 were treated in emergency rooms for injuries caused by car accidents in 2012.

Driving laws for teens should be more strict. Stricter laws and penalties would help reduce the number of car accidents involving teenagers.

There should be greater enforcement of laws and penalties to reduce teen driver distractions, including the number of people in the car with the driver, loud music, and texting and driving.

In Illinois, during the first year that a teen driver has his or her license, only one person is allowed in the car with the driver.

This period should be extended to two years, allowing teen drivers more time to focus on the road and not on friends in the car.

Edgar Snyder and Associates, a law firm specializing in personal injury cases, reports on its website that when a driver has passengers in the car, the risk of a fatal accident doubles.



While driving down Cicero or Pulaski Avenues after school, drivers occasionally hear music being played too loud in other people's cars. This loud music is a distraction to all drivers. When drivers have music too loud they tune everything else out, such as ambulances or police sirens.

In a study done in 2001 by Canadian scientists at Newfoundland's Memorial University, when music is played too loud, a driver's reaction time is slowed

by 20 percent which can cause fatal delays. Laws against loud music need to be stricter to decrease the number of accidents on the roads.

Texting and driving is the most common cause of teenager auto accidents.

Statistics on Edgar Snyder and Associates' website show that 1.6 million crashes involve texting and driving and 56% of teens have said they have talked on the phone while driving.

Teens need to become more aware of these statistics so that they do not text and drive. While teens are driving, they should turn off their phones and put them out of reach so they are not tempted to use them.

Drivers Ed classes go over the rules of the roads, but if these classes focused more on distracted driving, it would help teens become more aware of the dangers.

No number of laws or penalties will ever totally eliminate car accidents, but if teens would become more attentive and aware while driving, the number of accidents and deaths would decrease.

Since the beginning of this school year, the deans report that there have already been 3 accidents on 115th Street involving our students and several fender benders in the school parking lot.

The place for teens to start practicing safe driving is in the parking lot after school when they are surrounded by pedestrians and other cars.

The more aware students are, the safer the roads and the students will be.

What the 2016 Summer Olympics taught us

Stephanie Kozlowski
junior columnist

The journey to the top is difficult. Being the best takes dedication and discipline. It is especially hard if that person is considered to be one of the best in the world.

The 2016 Summer Olympics displayed talent unlike anything the world had ever seen. Athletes Michael Phelps and Simone Biles shed new light on what it takes to be a true Olympian.

The Olympics in Rio this summer were the last time we would ever see Phelps compete for the U.S swim team. He has won 28 medals total, the most ever by an Olympic athlete to date.

This year Phelps won one silver medal and five gold medals making him the oldest individual gold medalist in Olympic swimming history.

He also became the first swimmer to win four consecutive golds in the same event, the 200-meter individual medley.

Simone Biles won gold in women’s individual all-around, vault and floor exercise and bronze in balance beam. Biles has 19 Olympic and World Championship medals making her the most decorated American gymnast.

While many Olympians display amazing talents, some athletes who are equally talented, are prevented from winning by technicalities.



Spanish swimmer Miguel Duran Navia dove too early in the 400-meter freestyle and was automatically disqualified. After gathering his clothes he walked off the deck to a standing ovation of applause in sympathy.

After being given a second chance, much to the crowd’s disbelief, Navia reappeared and went back to his position on the starting block.

While Navia received a second chance, that is not always the case in life. We have to remember that sometimes mistakes are unchangeable and we are powerless to undo them. We need to be careful.

This summer, we also learned that there are people who are willing do anything for attention.

That is the case with Ryan Lochte and three other U.S. swimmers. Lochte and the swimmers lied about being robbed at gunpoint in Rio outside a convenience store after they left a party. The story they gave police was an exaggeration.

Lochte and teammates Gunnar Bentz, Jack Conger and Jimmy Feigen said that they had been robbed by a man who pointed a gun at their heads and demanded money.

The police in Rio later discovered that the swimmers had not been robbed. The Olympians were charged with vandalizing the gas station bathroom, after which armed security guards confronted them and demanded payment for the damages.

Lochte has been suspended for 10 months and will miss the 2017 world and national swimming championships. He is also required to perform 20 hours of community service.

Bentz, Conger, and Feigen are suspended for four months, and Bentz must also complete 10 hours of community service for violating the Olympic Village curfew for athletes under 21.

These swimmers are human beings and people sometimes make poor decisions. The fact that they are Olympians, however, does not exclude them from the law.

The 2016 Summer Olympics taught us that when we succeed, we should remain humble and grateful.

When we fail or make mistakes, many times there are no second chances. We should be more careful about what we are doing and never expect ‘do-overs’.

Finally, no matter how great or famous we become, we are never above the law or morality.

Our community reflects on
Brother Brendan’s 60th anniversary

A lifetime of commitment to Marist, an example for us all

During my brief existence on this planet, I have concluded that there are three basic ingredients to success: integrity, passion and a dedication to the traditions of an organization. Brother Brendan has exhibited a commitment to these values for 60 years as a Marist Brother. He is fundamentally grounded in the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat. His commitment to stability and service stands in sharp contrast to the distorted values manifested by many people in our society today. Marcellin is smiling.

---Br. Rich Grenier, FMS and Grand, High, Exalted Mystic Ruler of the Royal Order of Raccoons.

It was enriching for us to watch Brother Brendan renew his vows at Mass and realize just how deep the Marist roots run. To be there for such a beautiful moment made all of us realize that we are part of something much bigger than just our own individual lives and experiences. Though I don’t intend to enter religious life, I hope that I can show the same devotion and passion that Brother Brendan has.

---Tom Englehart, Student Council President

When Brother Brendan renewed his vows, it really showed the Marist community how dedicated he is to his vocation. Not many things in today’s world last for 60 years. His renewing his vows in front of the student body made me want to be more committed to everything I do. In a world that is always changing, it is comforting to know that there are people like Brother Brendan that we can rely on.

---Faith Laughran, editor-in-chief, the Sentinel

It’s amazing that Brother Brendan chooses to remain involved with young people. Brendan could have retired 15 years ago, but instead he continues to participate in Kairos retreats with our students and help out in Campus Ministry. His example keeps all of us young at heart.

---Brother Hank Hammer, FMS

I had Brother Brendan as a teacher both freshman and junior year. While I don’t remember every lesson he taught, what I do remember is the genuine love he had for each of his students. We all knew he cared about us. When I think of what a Marist Brother is “supposed to be,” I think of Brother Brendan.

---Mr. Mike Brennan, religion teacher

Brother Brendan is the epitome of the word commitment. He is a great example to our Marist family of what it means to have a vocation. He understands the ideals of Marcellin Champagnat and lives them out on a daily basis. His students will retain the many stories of Champagnat and how those stories have become the bedrock of our Marist education.

---Mr. Larry Tucker, principal

See the feature story on Brother Brendan and his 60th anniversary on page six.

photo opinion

by Raini Eldorado and Meagan Loranger

Which celebrity would you like to trade places with?



Mia-Rose Fasciana
sophomore

Tyler Joseph because he is a beautiful person inside and out who composes and sings all of his own music. Overall, he is a wonderful artist who means a lot to many people.



Kaleb Weisenfluh
junior

I would trade places with Bill Gates because he has a big heart. He does charity work across the world. I would trade places with him to be able to make a difference in the world.



Kayla Rogers
senior

Kim Kardashian because she became a great businesswoman and built a great empire for herself.



Carly Turcich
junior

Derek Zoolander (Ben Stiller) because he is a person who emulates good intentions and helps with a lot of charity work. He inspires many people and I would enjoy doing the same.



Mrs. Mary Cozzie
English teacher

Helen Mirren because at my age, I like her and how she embraces her “maturity.”



D'Angelo Silvar
freshman

Addison Russell because he is my favorite athlete on my favorite team, the Chicago Cubs. I look up to him and I hope to be like him in baseball one day...he is my role model.



Brenna Reilly
senior

I'd like to be Beyonce because she's a strong, independant woman. She's a great role model.



Brother Rich
Renaissance Man

Pancho Sanchez because he is the best conga player on the planet.

Brother Brendan celebrates 60 years in Marist

by Stephanie Kozlowski
junior reporter

As the Marist Brothers celebrate their 200th anniversary, one Marist Brother is celebrating a very special milestone himself.

This year Brother Brendan Brennan celebrated his 60th year as a Marist Brother. At the all-school Mass on September 12, he renewed his vows in front of the entire school community.

Brother Brendan was born on September 12, 1936, in the Bronx, New York. Many aspects of his early life were touched by the Blessed Mother, he said.

“I was born on the same day as The Feast of the Holy Name of Mary,” Brother Brendan said. “The parish my family belonged to was Our Lady of Mercy. The nuns who taught there were Dominicans who are dedicated to Mary.”

St. Ann’s Academy is where Brother Brendan first considered becoming a Marist Brother. The high school was run by Marist Brothers. Each year they would talk to the students about considering a vocation.

“I went home one day and told my mother that I wanted to become a Marist Brother. She told me to wait until I graduated from high school,” Brother Brendan said.

By the time graduation came, being a Brother was the farthest thing from Brother Brendan’s mind.

Instead, he got a job at an insurance company. He took a course in computers and eventually asked to be transferred to the computer department at work.

In the end, the insurance industry did not suit him, so Brother Brendan went out to find a new job.

His next position was with the New York Trust Company and they immediately had him doing work on computers, for which he was certified at that point.

At work Brother Brendan started to talk with a co-worker and during one of their conversations the man asked him where he went to high school.

“I told him I went to St. Ann’s Academy,” Brother Brendan said. “He said, ‘Oh, who teaches there?’ I said the Marist Brothers.”

The man told Brother Brendan that his son was studying to be a brother and when his son was off during the summer Brother Brendan would have to meet him.

When summer came, Brother Brendan met with the man’s son and they talked about his future.

“When he was leaving I made a comment that was what I thought at the time a throw away comment,” Brother Brendan said. “I said ‘Oh, you never know-I might go into [the brotherhood] someday myself.’”

Brother Brendan did not know why he made that comment.

“I don’t know where it came from,” Brother Brendan said. “I don’t know why I was prompted to say that, but it didn’t leave me. The thought kept coming back. I found myself a day or two after I said that saying to myself ‘Why did I say that? Where did that come from?’”

He started to ask himself if being a Marist Brother was something he would like to do. He decided to go to St. Ann’s Academy and talk to some of the Brothers he knew. They told Brother Brendan to give the idea some thought.

“The more I thought about it, and the more I looked at it, the more I was convinced,” Brother Brendan said. “I celebrated my birthday on September 12 and on September 15 I entered the division. I got on the train at Grand Central Station to ride up to New England and I left my mother and father standing on the station. When I was going up there I did some serious thinking. I remember saying to myself, ‘Well whatever happens I’m not leaving, I’m not looking back, unless the superiors there tell me it’s not for me.’”



photo by Stephanie Lysy

Brother Brendan Brennan, FMS, addresses the Marist community at the all-school Mass on September 12, his 60th anniversary as a Marist Brother and his 80th birthday.

Brother Brendan was a teacher for 48 years. He first came to Marist-Chicago in 1992 and taught here for 16 years. He even taught current faculty members, including Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hogan and Coach Dunne. He retired from teaching in 2008 due to health issues.

Brother Brendan is sorry to see that the number of young men and women entering religious life has decreased dramatically over the past 60 years.

“We used to joke when I was younger, inviting kids to join the vocation because someday we would need them to push our wheelchairs,” he said.

The word ‘brother’ holds a special meaning for Brother Brendan

“The title that I bear is very important to me,” he said. “When Jesus came among us he came as our brother. So it’s a great honor to have that title. I just love it when I’m called that by one of the students. It says an awful lot to me.”

A great presence is felt in the halls of Marist when Brother Brendan is around.

“Just being available and helping out wherever I’m needed is a big thing to me,” Brother Brendan said. “So if I can continue to do that as long as I have the health. This is where I’d like to finish out my days.”

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RedHawk cross country teams striving for strong seasons

by Raini Eldorado
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junior reporters

The 2016 RedHawk girls' cross country team is working hard, and teamwork is an important part of this season for the RedHawks.

While each runner scores individually, wanting to perform well for the rest of the team is what keeps the girls motivated.

"We are a very close group and the support and encouragement on the team is definitely there," junior Grace Stinites said.

At the ESCC Conference meet on Sept. 20, the RedHawks finished in first place.

The team finished second place at the Tinley Park Invitational on Sept. 24. Maryclare Leonard took first, Colleen Murphy took second, and Jill Borza finished fifth.

"Our top three runners have really progressed, and the rest of the team is improving and staying positive," head coach Patrick Quinn said. "As long as the girls run with fire in their eyes, I'm happy."

The girls' next meet will be tomorrow at the St. Charles North Invitational at LeRoy Oakes Forest Preserve at 9 a.m.

The 2016 RedHawk boys' cross country team, led by senior captain Matt Wagner, includes 10 freshmen and five sophomores.

The team is younger and somewhat smaller than in years past, but they are determined to reach a major goal.

"We have a great group of guys with a lot of heart, Wagner said. "When you have that, you don't need a big team."

The RedHawks' main goal is to win the ESCC Conference.

Marist was on a winning streak at the championship for 9 years. Benet then took over in 2000 and has won the championship ever since.

On Sept. 20, the boys ran in the ESCC South meet and came in 2nd, losing to Benet by 1 point.

The RedHawks will race in the Rich Central Invitational on Sat., October 8 at Rich Central High School beginning at 8 a.m., followed by the ESCC Conference Championship meet at Midlothian Meadows on Oct. 15 at 8 a.m.



photo by Meagan Loranger

Senior Abbey Conrad runs in the ESCC Conference meet on September 20 at Midlothian Meadows. The RedHawks finished in first place and are looking to finish strong at the ESCC Conference Championship meet on October 15 and the IHSA regionals on October 22.



photo by Sheila O'Keeffe

Junior Kaitlyn Meyer (l) and freshman Isabella Rabianski (r) practice their swings on Sept. 23. The RedHawks are currently 6-4 in duals and will play in the Lockport Invitational tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at Lockport High School.

Rebuilt tennis team small but strong

by Sheila O'Keeffe
senior reporter

Although they may be stronger, they are a small team, which has its advantages and disadvantages.

"We have a small team so almost everybody plays, but injuries will be a problem because there are only 11 girls on the team," said head coach Brian Burns.

Coach Burns hopes to send a few girls to state. He notes that freshman Nicole Micklin is a bonus to the team because she practices almost every day in the off-season and her shot is hard to stop.

First doubles players Bowe and Caitlyn Foggie are also key players, according to Coach Burns.

"Those players have a good opportunity to qualify for state," Burns said. "Getting three players to state this season would be a big accomplishment."

The girls will compete in the Lockport Invitational at Lockport High School tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. The RedHawks face Mother McAuley on October 16 at 4:30 p.m. at Mount Greenwood Park.

The girls' varsity tennis team started the season coming in second place at Morgan Park Academy on August 20 and then taking first place at the Bolingbrook Raiders Varsity Invitational on September 3.

The team went on to defeat Marian Catholic, Stagg and Oak Lawn Community, but lost to Joliet Catholic Academy and Carmel High School.

At the ESCC quad on Sept. 17, the girls defeated Marian Central and St. Viator, but fell to Benet Academy.

With senior captains Kaitlyn Bowe and Sarah Ringbauer leading the team, the girls have a record of 6-4 in duals.

Last year, the team was focused on rebuilding because many key players graduated the previous May. Following that rebuilding season, this year's team is much stronger.

RedHawk golfers swing for the win

by MiKaela Dismukes
and Hillary Jones
senior reporters

Rainy weather delayed the opening of the boys' varsity golf season on August 15, but the RedHawks finally started with a win against Stagg on August 22. Junior Cormac Lee shot a 35, the best score on the team.

On Sept. 18, the team won the St. Rita Invitational, followed by a win over Mount Carmel on Sept. 20.

Coming into this week, the team's record was 8-3 overall.

"We had a good season last year with a 9-4 record and made it to sectionals," head coach Joel Vickers said. "This year, we hope to make it to state."

Senior Perry Chong had the opportunity to play in a tournament at Pebble Beach on Sept. 15 with PGA member Dan Forsman. Chong placed 24th out of 81 in the tournament.

"It was one of the best golf experiences I've ever had in my life," Chong said. "The conditions on the course were perfect, the

views were scenic and it is an experience I will never forget."

The girls' varsity golf team is led this year by senior captains Maggie Mahoney and Isabel Gainer.

At the ESCC Conference Championship meet on Monday, the RedHawks took 4th place. Freshman Tyler Murray shot a 103, coming in 13th overall.

Earlier wins this season came against Shepard on Aug. 24, Nazareth Academy on Sept. 7 and Joliet Catholic on Sept. 14.

Head coach Andy Hodorowicz is pleased that the team has improved over last year's 5-10 record.

"There [have been] more rounds and golf activities this year, and the goal has been to give our girls more opportunities to play," Hodorowicz said. "To get better, they have to play more courses."

After tomorrow's Rosary High Invitational at Bliss Creek Country Club, the RedHawks will compete in the IHSA regional meet on Wed., Oct. 5. The location of regionals was not available at press time.

"I think we have a good chance to do well in the playoffs based on our record this season," Gainer said.



photo by Hillary Jones

Senior Mia Hayes takes a swing at Fountain Hills Golf Club on Sept. 14, when the RedHawks beat Joliet Catholic but fell to Providence. The team will play in the Rosary High School Invitational tomorrow at Bliss Creek Country Club beginning at 8 a.m. The boys compete in the IHSA regionals at Silver Lake Country Club on October 4 at 8 a.m.

VARSITY FOOTBALL

‘Every game is a playoff game’

by Maureen Mitchell
senior reporter

The varsity football team opened the season with a 31-7 loss against Brother Rice at the annual Kickoff Classic at Soldier Field on August 28.

The RedHawks followed with a 24-14 win against Simeon, a 27-8 win against Carmel, a 45-0 win against Marian Central, and a 49-0 win against Marian Catholic.

Players said frustration over the opening loss to Rice was a great motivator for the rest of the season.

“Going into the Rice game, we were lacking confidence,” said senior fullback Brenden Rehfeld.

The wins that followed in September did not come easily for the RedHawks. Head coach Pat Dunne mentioned the team’s struggle with staying focused.

“The players each have a full week between games and have to work on eliminating any distractions,” Dunne said.

Heading into October, the team continues to focus and build confidence to stay on track toward a return to the state championship.

“The message for this year is that every game is a playoff game,” said Dunne. “In the playoffs you aren’t guaranteed your next game and that’s a motivator.”

Motivation is a key theme for the players this year.

“Many players on defense are college prospects, and I can speak for the offense that we have a lot of young guys that aren’t yet sure of themselves,” said senior tight end Bryson Lewis. “We use [the defense’s] success as motivation to be better and to get recognized for our talents.”

Coach Dunne and the players appreciate the support they continue to receive from the community. They value fan loyalty and remind fans that they are a part of the team as well.

The RedHawks travel to play St. Patrick tomorrow at 12:30 p.m.



photo by Marie Weber

Senior linebacker Matt Finn (#44) tackles a Marian Central Catholic opponent on Sept. 23 at Red and White Stadium. Finn’s tackle aided in the RedHawks’ shut-out, 45-0 victory that evening.



photo by Stephanie Lysy

Senior forward David Shaw, fights for possession of the ball during their game against Brother Rice on Sept. 11. The RedHawks won 5-1. The team hosts Carmel tonight at 5 p.m. in what team captain Christian Cunningham anticipates will be a “tight” game.

Varsity soccer hosts Carmel tonight

by Cara Donegan
senior reporter

The RedHawk varsity soccer team came into this week with a 10-5-1 record. Early in the season, the team advanced to the consolation championship against St. Laurence in the Windy City Ram Classic at Toyota Park on August 31.

The team’s performance at the Classic gave them confidence and helped them set some goals to achieve by the end of this season.

The team, led by senior captains David Regan (defender) and Christian Cunningham (midfielder), have high hopes for what is in store for them this season.

“The goal every season is to make it to state, but for now we are taking one step at a time,” Cunningham said. “Getting to the sectional championship and winning conference are our main goals right now.”

Head coach Sean Maxwell has high expectations for his team this season.

“Some of our goals include winning conference, taking the sectional championship, and beating St. Viator,” Maxwell said. “In my 10 years as coach, we have not yet beat Viator. We want this to be the year.”

Featuring a roster heavy with seniors, there is a lot of leadership on and off the field. This marks a change from last season.

“The difference between this year and last is that we have a much older team,” Maxwell said. “That means the seniors are going to have to step up and take leadership roles for the younger players.”

In addition to the team captains, Maxwell is looking to key senior players Brice Wyderski (forward), John Ciszewski (forward), and Nick Oliveri (defender) to help the team achieve its goals.

“Our biggest struggle this season is going to be developing the right lineup,” Maxwell said. “Another struggle is to get the players to appreciate their roles on and off the field.”

The team hosts Carmel High School tonight at 5:00 p.m.

Tough schedule motivates VB team

by Emily Reynolds
senior reporter

With a record of 14-4 at press time and two third place finishes in the Plainfield North Invite and the Wheaton Classic, the girls’ varsity volleyball team is looking to deliver a strong finish to the season.

The team is led by senior captains Megan Krasowski and Maddie Dunterman and junior captain Savannah Thompson.

“We use every practice to get better and to learn something new,” Krasowski said. “We practice hard because we know we are not the only team out there that is working hard. Each game brings our team together and helps us to stay focused.”

The team is using their four losses as motivation to improve for the end of the season and using their mistakes to make themselves work harder.

“I think the season is going very well,” said junior outside hitter Maggie Meyer. “We learned a lot from our losses early in the season and are working hard every day to improve.”

The team has played in two big tournaments so far this season and will play in two more including the ASICS Challenge this weekend.

“Our main goal is to steadily improve as a group and use our tough schedule to gain valuable experience for the end of the season,” head coach Jordan Vidovic said. “Our schedule will help us focus on getting better each week.”

At the highly anticipated game against Mother McAuley on Sept. 13 the team was defeated in two games, 19-25 in both.

The team fought hard, with 8 kills from Meyer, 6 kills and 13 digs from Thompson, and 24 assists from junior setter Molly Murrihy.

On Tuesday Sept. 20 the team defeated Carmel High School in two, 26-24 and 25-17.

The team was led again by Thompson with 8 kills and Murrihy with 25 assists. Sophomore middle Abby Callahan also added 6 kills for the team.

Result of this past week’s games against Marian Catholic and Notre Dame Academy were not available at press time.



photo by Stephanie Lysy

Junior outside hitter Maggie Meyer (#16) hitting against her Mother McAuley opponent in the Red and White Gym on Sept. 13, but the RedHawks lost in two, 19-25 in each game. The RedHawks will host Nazareth on Tues., Oct. 4 at 6:15 p.m.